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SUBJECT: ECONADS: TREATMENT OF BREZHNEV'S PROPOSALS
IN NATO REPORT ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION

REF.: (A) USNATO 2246(NOTAL); (B)USNATO(PAPENDORP)/
RPE (POLANSKY) TELECON, APRIL 25; (C) PAPENDORP/POLANSKY
TELECON, APRIL 26.

SUMMARY: CANADIANS HAVE PROPOSED SOFTENING OF NATO
CSCE IMPLEMENTATION REPORT INTENDED FOR MAY MINISTERIAL
RELATING TO ALLIED ASSESSMENTS OF BREZHNEV PROPOSALS.
DUTCH, IN POLADS DISCUSSION APRIL 26, HAVE INSISTED
ON RETENTION OF CURRENT WORDING. ECONADS WILL MEET
AFTERNOON APRIL 27 TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE IMPASSE.
END SUMMARY.

1. AS REPORTED REF B, CANADIAN ECONAD PROPOSED CHANGES
ON APRIL 25 TO PARA 18 OF C-M(77)30, REPORT TO NATO
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MINISTERIAL ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. (TEXT WAS SENT TO
DEPARTMENT IN REF A, BUT FOR CONVENIENCE OF
INFO ADDRESSEES WE QUOTE THAT PASSAGE IN PARA 3 BELOW.)
WE NOTED THAT CANADA HAD RESERVED ON FULL TEXT PENDING
OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT CAREFULLY AND NOW, "GIVEN THEIR
CURRENT GENERAL ATTITUDE TO THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS,
CANNOT ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE LANGUAGE IN THE
FIRST AND FIFTH SENTENCES..." OF PARA 18.

2. ACCORDINGLY THEY PROPOSED TO REPHRASE FIRST SENTENCE
TO READ "THE ALLIES ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE KIND

OF PAN-EUROPEAN CONFERENCES ENVISAGED BY THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS WOULD YIELD RESULTS WHICH CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE ECE CONTEXT." AND EITHER DELETE FIFTH SENTENCE OR REWORD IT TO READ "THEY ALSO FEEL THAT THESE PROPOSALS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, DO NOT FIT THE PATTERN FOR MULTILATERAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BASKET II DESIRED BY THE ALLIES." CANADIAN LETTER REQUESTED ALLIED DELS TO SEEK VIEWS OF THEIR AUTHORITIES IN TIME FOR AFTERNOON MEETING OF POLADS, APRIL 26.

3. IN CURRENT VERSION, PARA 18 READS AS FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:

"IN THE GDR, IT HAD APPEARED IN LATE 1976 THAT A MAJOR HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM MIGHT BE IN THE MAKING. THE REACTION OF A GROUP OF WRITERS, ARTISTS AND PROFESSORS TO THE EXPULSION OF FOLK SINGER WOLF BIERMANN HAD BROUGHT THE ARREST OF THE REGIME'S MOST PROMINENT CRITIC, DR. R. HAVEMANN, EXPULSION FROM THE PARTY FOR SOME OF THE PROTESTORS, AND THREATS IN THE MASS MEDIA AGAINST THE SO-CALLED "COUNTER REVOLUTIONARIES" SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, THE GDR HAS TAKEN A MORE RELAXED ATTITUDE, AND APART FROM THE CONTINUED HOUSE ARREST OF HAVEMANN AND SOME BLACKLISTING OF THE ARTISTS AND
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WRITERS INVOLVED, NO FURTHER REGRESSIVE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN." END TEXT.

4. AT APRIL 26 POLADS CANADIAN REP ARGUED THAT, CONTRARY THE FORMULATION IN PRESENT FIFTH SENTENCE, THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS DO NOT GO BEYOND FINAL ACT PROVISIONS. US REP RESERVED POSITION IN ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, DUTCH INSISTED ON MAINTENANCE OF PRESENT WORDING, AND OTHER ALLIES COULD ACCEPT EITHER FORMAT.

5. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE DETAILS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CANADIAN DESIRE TO SOFTEN NATO TREATMENT TO THE BREZHNEV PROPOSALS STEMS FROM SOVIET/CANADIAN CONSULTATIONS IN OTTAWA. FOLLOWING THE IMPASSE IN POLADS BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND CANADIAN ECONADS AND THE FORMER INDICATED THAT WHILE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT CANADIAN TEXT FOR FIRST SENTENCE, HE WOULD HAVE TO INSIST ON INSERTION IN FIFTH SENTENCE OF WORDS "...GO BEYOND THE TERMS..." (RATHER THAN PRESENT "...GO WELL BEYOND..."). CANADIAN ECONAD TRIED TO SELL THIS TO EXTAFF WITHOUT SUCCESS, AND WAS TOLD TO HOLD FIRM SINCE HIGHEST LEVELS IN THAT DEPARTMENT WERE INVOLVED.

6. ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL JUNG HAS DIRECTED THAT
MATTER NOW BE PURSUED IN ECONADS RATHER THAN POLADS AND
CHAIRMAN BILLY HAD SCHEDULED SPECIAL MEETING FOR
L530 HRS, APRIL 27. WE UNDERSTAND FROM REF C THAT
INSTRUCTIONS ARE UNDERWAY RESPONSIVE TO CANADIAN

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PROPOSALS AND WILL USE THEM THEN.

7. FOLLOWING PREPARATION OF FOREGOING, STATE 93865
REACHED US, AND WE ARE PROVIDING TEXT OF US COMPROMISE
TO ECONADS IN ADVANCE OF MEETING. WE ARE
REPEATING THAT MESSAGE TO GENEVA, THE HAGUE,
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